

COLORED INDIGNATION.

THE EFFECTS OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION.

The colored people of Washington to hold a meeting of protest next Monday—Fred Douglass, Ex-Senator Bruce, and others expressing their views on the situation.

WASHINGTON, October 16.—The decision of the supreme court declaring the civil rights act of 1875 an unconstitutional invasion of the rights of the states, has been the subject of much comment here to-day. Several of the most prominent colored men of the district have been interviewed, and have given their opinions as to the moral effect of the decision. Naturally a majority of them express regret that the supreme court has rendered such a decision, and are inclined to regard it as an obstacle to the progress of the colored race. Ex-Senator Bruce, from Mississippi, and present registrar of treasury, declares it a most unfortunate decision, one which will carry the country backwards fifteen years; also that it does not reflect the sentiment of the people of the United States, and is a revival of the theory of states rights. Fred Douglass says the decision places the colored people again outside of the law, and places them, when on steamboats or railroads, or in the theater, restaurant or other public place, at the mercy of any white ruffian who may choose to insult them. Professor Green says, in view of this decision, every colored man should respect must continue to demand the fullest protection of the law, both as a man and as an American citizen, and that he does not think the civilization of the age can be turned back, even by the supreme court of the United States. At a conference of the colored people of the district to-day, it was decided to hold a meeting on Monday night to express the sentiment of the colored race with respect to the decision, and to consider what course to pursue in view of that decision. Among those who are to be invited to address the meeting are several prominent white lawyers and clergymen, and such colored speakers as Fred Douglass and Professor Gregory.

MASSACHUSETTS POLITICS.

Governor Butler Placed Out That a Woman is Not a Person.

Boston, October 16.—At a meeting of the executive council this morning, Governor Butler was nominated to fill the vacancy which he alleged existed on the board of health, lunacy and chemistry, claiming that Mrs. Clara S. Leonard has really no place upon the board. The subject was discussed by the board until nine o'clock. The governor asked an opinion of Attorney General Sherman whether a woman was legally a "person," and he replied in the negative. The statute which took effect on January 1, 1882, provided that the present members thereof of the state board, shall continue to hold their offices during the terms for which they were appointed. It was argued in the council chambers that as Mrs. Leonard was acting as a member of the board, this clause legalized her position, and the governor's nomination was accordingly ignored. The council again rejected the nomination of Edward G. Walker, a colored man, for judge of the Charlestown district court.

THE LILY AND HER MA.

Fred Gebhardt Secures the Services of a Brevet Mother-in-Law—What the Lady Says.

New York, October 16.—A graceful figure, clad in a tight-fitting, blue cloth traveling dress, the hair in the well known tight knot and curling bang, the face plumper than it used to be, and touched by the sun and sea air into almost radiant redness, the appearance Mrs. Langtry presented at the St. James hotel. She had arrived there but a few minutes before, the Oregon, on which she made the passage, having been met at quarantine by the Major John E. Moore, her manager, Chas. Mendum, Mr. Gebhardt and a few other friends on board. By a special permit Mrs. Langtry and her mother, Mrs. Le Breton, were allowed to disembark from the Oregon, and were brought up to the city on the tug.

Mrs. Le Breton, who was in the room with Mrs. Langtry, is handsome, and young looking to have a daughter of Mrs. Langtry's age. "I am so glad to be back," said the latter, "and I expect to enjoy my second visit even more than my first."

"Why?"

"Well, in the first place, I have my mother with me, and I cannot tell you how much pleasanter that will make everything seem to me. It is so good for her, for she is a bad sailor, and dreaded the voyage very much. My father had hoped to come also, but at the last moment he had to content himself with seeing us off. Now I am perfectly honest when I say I am glad to be back again, for I like your country very, very much. Well, then, another reason for this season's tour is that I know the people better, and have got used to their ways. Besides I am practically a manager now, you know, just as I was in England, for Mr. Mendum is only my secretary, and as a manager, let me talk business for a few minutes. I think I have done wisely in opening my season outside of New York, for there are to be such strong attractions at the beginning of the season, and besides, I think I began too early last year. We open in Burlington, Vermont, on October 27, and do not reach New York till January, when I shall bring out what is for America a new play called 'Peril.' I have brought over all the properties for it, and am going down to the custom house to-morrow to see if I cannot pass them free of duty. I have been in Paris two weeks, getting new frocks, and I think they are something I can be proud of."

"What will you play besides 'Peril'?"

"The 'School for Scandal,' 'She Stoops to Conquer' and 'The Hunchback' will be my main repertoire. I have got entirely new costumes for them all, but 'Peril' is the only play I shall have my own scenery and properties for. Well, isn't that enough about business? I want to tell you something funny. Do you know I was accused by my friends at home of speaking with an American accent, while here all the critics blame me for my English accent? If I didn't pick up the American intonation, I certainly caught up lots of your slang, and very good slang it is, too. But one uses it quite unconsciously, and it strikes those unused to it as new."

THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Legislation on the Prayer Book and on the Qualifications for Ministry.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 16.—In the Episcopal convention to-day the house of deputies concurred in the action of the house of bishops in adopting the report of the committee of the lectionary. The joint committee on lectionary is no longer in existence. It was thought advisable to take a vote by dioceses on the question of retaining twenty-second chapter of Numbers, and the chapter was retained. The house then went into committee of the whole on the joint report of the committee on the prayerbook. A message was received from the house of bishops that they had adopted a resolution

to amend article 7, canon 9, title 3, so as to read: "No person shall be appointed a missionary who is not at the time of his appointment standing in the Protestant Episcopal church, or of some other church in communion with this church; but nothing in this section shall preclude the board of managers from employing a layman or woman member of this church, or of some church in communion with the same, for missionary work." It was referred to the committee on canon.

THE VANDERBILTS.

What a Prominent Wall Street Operator Says About Them.

NEW YORK, October 16.—Speaking of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt's recent interview on the subject of his son's reported losses, the Sun's Wall Street article says: "There are shrewd old Wall Street men, however, who put a very peculiar interpretation on the subject of this interview. They say that the whole thing is a mere maneuver to cover a retreat; that the young Mr. Vanderbilt did unquestionably lose a great deal of money, and that William H. paid it because the loss was made to protect his interests."

A prominent operator, who does not seem to care about the personal attacks of Mr. Vanderbilt upon the bears, said yesterday: "The Vanderbilt dynasty and estate are one, and W. H. Vanderbilt was merely the bait thrown out to induce people to buy stocks by apparently buying the market. By this means he was able to get a large number of the colored people to follow the young and dashing speculator. But he failed. The attempt was too vast and people were too distressed by the paralysis of trade. Thus the Vanderbilt dynasty is ruined. The result of this is the reduction of the holdings. Now W. H. takes off the mask and says that he goes into Wall Street again to buy stocks. He has not retired; he is loaded, and W. H. Vanderbilt is the yearling sacrifice for the old man's losses."

STOCKS REPORTED TO BE HELD BY W. H. VANDERBILT.

Shares	Par value	Actual value
20,000 Erie & Western	\$2,000,000	\$1,400,000
10,000 Nickel Plate	1,000,000	1,000,000
5,000 Nickel Plate	500,000	500,000
5,000 C. & C. & I.	500,000	250,000
10,000 Texas & Pacific	1,000,000	210,000
10,000 Alton & Terre Haute	1,000,000	100,000
15,000 Pacific, Dec. & Ev.	1,500,000	100,000
Totals	\$8,000,000	\$3,600,000

All this, he says, has been hypotheated to margin up his good stock.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Failure of Zembrona & Co., the Leading Bankers of Mexico.

GALVESTON, October 16.—A special to the News from Laredo says: "A great sensation has been caused here by the announcement of the suspension of Zembrona & Co., one of the oldest and wealthiest houses in northern Mexico. Their liabilities are placed at \$8,000,000. The effect of the failure on northern Mexico can only be compared to that of Jay Gould in the United States. The firm of Zembrona & Co. is reported composed of Zembrona, Gonzales, Trevino and Paez. Their business outside of merchandise has extended largely into the purchase of valuable estates and includes many of the largest and finest haciendas in Mexico. The immediate cause of the suspension is said to be the presentation for payment of two obligations amounting in the aggregate to one hundred thousand dollars, which could not be cashed without several days delay. The creditors refused to grant the delay, and the firm was forced to protest. This produced a panic, and a run was at once commenced on the house by its smaller creditors, which resulted in the firm closing its doors. It is said to be the first failure of the kind in Mexico. George W. Frank and Company, of San Antonio, Texas, are said to be among the heaviest creditors."

Dispatch to the News from Cuenca says: A. W. Evans, dealer in dry goods and groceries, has suspended. Liabilities, \$160,000; assets, nominally, \$19,000.

NEW YORK, October 16.—Adler Bros. and Newman, wholesale dry goods dealers, 308 Broadway, assigned today, giving preferences amounting to \$162,110.

OF INTEREST TO INSOLVENT BANKS.

TRENTON, N. J., October 16.—Among the numerous opinions by Chancellor Runyon at the opening of the October term of the chancery court today was one of interest affecting officials of insolvent banks. It was in the suit of Ackerman vs. Halsey et al. The suit was brought by the stockholders of the defunct Mechanics bank of New York, against the president and directors of the bank for neglect and mismanagement of their official duties, whereby the bank was ruined through the cashier's abstraction and misappropriation of the bank's funds. The opinion held that the directors were liable for the mismanagement of the bank, and that the bank officials were personally liable in equity for the failure and neglect to discharge their duties, and that when a corporation is insolvent, the stockholders may maintain it. The demurrer of the defendants was overruled. This opinion will enable the stockholders to bring suit to recover the amount of their losses by the bank officials.

THE SOUTHERN DEAD.

Honors to the Dead March of Carolina's Dead Through Virginia.

NORFOLK, Va., October 16.—The remains of the southern soldiers recently disinterred at Arlington, arrived here this morning from Alexandria, and were taken to Raleigh, Va., for the purpose of being taken to the military cemeteries of this city and Portsmouth. Minute guns were fired from the time the steamer came in sight until the remains were transferred to the cars. Flags in the city and harbor were at half-mast, and bells tolled and hundreds of ex-confederate veterans were in line in civic and military procession. Floral offerings were profuse, and the ladies memorial association of Portsmouth, formed in a procession, when the remains reached that city.

"AT HOME."

RALEIGH, N. C., October 16.—The remains of the southern soldiers, recently disinterred from Arlington, reached here to-night, escorted by the Suffolk Greys, detachments from the Norfolk Guards, the Norfolk Blues, the Portsmouth Guards, and the Fayetteville Light Infantry. Thirty-two caissons, each containing the remains of a soldier, were accompanied by a tremendous crowd. The military cortege moved to the capital, where the caissons were deposited in the rotunda. The caissons were profusely covered with flowers. The remains will be interred to-morrow.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

WHEELING, W. Va., October 16.—An attempt was made to-night to wreck the passenger train at Glen's Run, seven miles above this city. The train was running at the rate of sixty miles an hour, when the engine struck a rail that had been laid across the track. The locomotive jumped into the air, but fortunately fell back upon the rails. The passenger cars broke the obstruction and the train was unhurt. If the train had been thrown off the track it would have been thrown over the embankment into the Ohio river, the railroad bed being very narrow at this point.

Arrested for Conspiracy.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., October 16.—M. C. Harris, editor of the Hot Springs Horse-shoe, was arrested today by Judge Woods, of the circuit court, for contempt in having published an editorial referring to the court for the manner of selecting the jury in the Rugg murder case.

IN THE CONFESSIONAL.

THE SECRET OF A LIFE OF SIN ATONED FOR.

An Embellishment of Thirty Years Ago Made Good to the Hires of the Bewildered Man—A Romantic Story of the "Black-Robed Sister."

PHILADELPHIA, October 16.—"For Mrs. Joseph Ashbrook." A letter-carrier to-night threw down a heavy envelope with three or four foreign stamps on the upper right hand corner on the marble counter in the office of the Girard house, and hurried away. A clerk tapped a bell. "For Mrs. Ashbrook," he said, as he tossed the letter to a colored servant, who popped up in response to the silver sound. "A letter for you, Mrs. Ashbrook," said the servant to an elegantly dressed woman. "A foreign letter!" exclaimed Mrs. Ashbrook, looking at the stamps and postmark. "It seems to be from Australia." She slowly tore the envelope open and drew out the contents. She curiously unfolded a long and broad sheet of paper, such as she had never received before. Up in the left hand corner she read in neat, precise little letters, "Bolton & Bolton, solicitors, Melbourne, Australia." The paper began with a formal "Madame," in a cramped hand, and as it went on the writing grew worse, and ended in a long scrawl that the lady took to be the law firm's name again. It was all hard to read, but some of the words were clear enough to awaken Mrs. Ashbrook's intense curiosity. She remained at it until she mastered it all. Then, pale and trembling, she called her husband and said: "I have been made an heir to \$250,000 and so, too, has each of my two sisters."

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

The story that the letter told was a weird romance. Thirty years ago Mrs. Ashbrook's father, Henry Deven, was an American consul at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. He had in his employ as confidential clerk or agent George W. Anderson, who had been born in Pennsylvania and drifted to South America. Mr. Deven had been living in Brazil for many years and had acquired a large estate. Two daughters were born to him there. Before the one who afterward became Mrs. Ashbrook was born his wife sailed for home and his latest child first saw the light on shipboard. Mrs. Deven had not been at home a month when she received advice that her husband was dead. He had been sick for several days only. When his affairs were settled up a large amount of money was found. A great indignation had been caused by the announcement of the suspension at Monterey of the great firm of Zembrona & Co., one of the oldest and wealthiest houses in northern Mexico. Their liabilities are placed at \$8,000,000. The effect of the failure on northern Mexico can only be compared to that of Jay Gould in the United States. The firm of Zembrona & Co. is reported composed of Zembrona, Gonzales, Trevino and Paez. Their business outside of merchandise has extended largely into the purchase of valuable estates and includes many of the largest and finest haciendas in Mexico. The immediate cause of the suspension is said to be the presentation for payment of two obligations amounting in the aggregate to one hundred thousand dollars, which could not be cashed without several days delay. The creditors refused to grant the delay, and the firm was forced to protest. This produced a panic, and a run was at once commenced on the house by its smaller creditors, which resulted in the firm closing its doors. It is said to be the first failure of the kind in Mexico. George W. Frank and Company, of San Antonio, Texas, are said to be among the heaviest creditors."

THE LAWYERS' TALE.

The lawyers told that they had been solicitors of George W. Anderson, who had died in March of this year in a hospital at Melbourne. He had confessed when dying that he had embezzled \$42,000 entrusted to him by Consul Deven. After Mr. Deven's death his confidential agent, who was now in the United States, was called to the bar and he was found guilty of the crime. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. He had gone into the gold diggings and made a large fortune and lost it. He had after that become the owner of a palatial residence in Melbourne. He had grown rich again, but lost heavily in speculation. At last he went into trade. He made money more slowly now, but kept what he earned and put by thousands. Age and privation and a long and weary life had broken down his health. He never married, and was almost friendless in a far-off land. He grew so weak and ill that he was forced against his own desire to enter a hospital. 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DECISIONS RENDERED TUESDAY
OCTOBER 16, 1883.

Hon. James Jackson, Chief Justice; Hon. Samuel Hall and M. H. Bradford, Associate Justices. Reported for the Court by J. H. Lumpkin, Supreme Court Reporter.

Watson vs. McCarty. Certiorari, from Crawford, Practice in Supreme Court.

A dissatisfied litigant in a justice's court presented his petition for certiorari to the judge of the superior court, who refused to sanction it, and the petitioner excepted. The bill of exceptions set out these facts, and following the certificate of the judge was what appeared to be the petition for certiorari, but it was not identified by the judge.

Held, that the writ of error must be dismissed. Writ of error dismissed. W. C. Winslow, for plaintiff in error. R. D. Smith, for defendant.

Head vs. Bridges et al. Refusal of injunction, from Monroe, Practice in Supreme Court. Injunction, Equity, Administrators and Executors, Jurisdiction.

Jackson, C. J.—A sheriff may serve copies of a bill of exceptions on the defendants in error, and his official entry on the bill of exceptions is sufficient evidence of service. Nor does it make any difference whether such service and entry be made before or after filing. Official service by the sheriff stands on a different footing from that by counsel or a party. 41 Ga., 682; 30 Id., 309; 21 Id., 294, 33 Id., 294.

(a.) As to service in other counties it is unnecessary to decide, as it does not arise in this case.

2. If the chancellor puts his refusal of an injunction on the facts which were controverted, or refuses an injunction generally, this court will not reverse the judgment, unless it be made to appear that the discretion of the chancellor has been abused, but where the chancellor rested his judgment on the existence of a common law remedy in another county and the want of jurisdiction in the superior court of the county where the bill was filed, and such grounds were erroneous, a reversal will be granted.

(a.) The bill charged and the facts, from complainant's side were, in brief, as follows: Complainant was called to account as executor by the legatees of the estate before the court of ordinary of Jasper county; the case was transferred by appeal to the superior court, was brought by exception to the Supreme Court and a new trial was granted; pending the case, so returned, this bill was filed. It rested upon the equity that complainant had in good faith applied for his discharge as co-executor with the mother of the legatees; that he obtained, as he thought, a valid discharge, though this discharge was held to be invalid because this citation appeared not to be in time, yet to show good faith on his part, he alleges that it has been found that service of the citation was actually made in time, and that the discharge, as he bona fide thought, the administration was turned over to his co-executrix, who was guilty of all, or most, of the maladministration after her retirement; that he contributed to her share of the estate; that she has colluded with her children to put the whole burden on him; that all parties reside in Monroe county.

Held, that the injunction prayed for be granted, the bill be reinstated (if dismissed), and proceed to trial on the merits, provided that complainant shall give ample bond and security to respond to the legatees for such decree as they may eventually recover against him, if any. 54 Ga., 378; 63 Id., 438; 67 Id., 215; 29 Id., 34.

(c.) The bill may be amended as may be necessary to a full adjudication of the rights of all parties and in such manner as not to collide with the other bill pending in court. Judgment affirmed with directions.

A. D. Hammond, W. A. Lofton, John I. Hall, for plaintiff in error. Berner & Turner; J. H. Lumpkin, for defendants.

Wallace, administrator, et al., vs. Owen et al. Appeal from Court of Ordinary, from Talbot, Practice in Supreme Court. Advancements, Gifts, Parent and Child, Evidence, Witnesses.

[Blandford, J., being disqualified, did not preside in this case.] Jackson, C. J.—The verdict was not contrary to law, evidence or the charge of the court.

(a.) This was a special verdict, in which the jury returned answers to specific questions, and it is not specified in what particular the verdict is wrong.

2. An absolute gift to a child of the donor may be changed into an advancement, with the consent of the donee; and an advancement may be changed by consent into an absolute gift; nor is it necessary that this should be done by will. 63 Ga., 705; 51 Id., 29; 23 Id., 351.

(c.) This is not in conflict with the case in 39 Ga., 108.

3. If a father gave his children negroes and charged the same to them on his book, and afterwards destroyed the account which he had made, and declared at the time that they should not be accounted for against his children, the jury could consider this with the other evidence in determining whether the negroes should be considered as advancements.

4. The child should accept the gift in order to make it an advancement; if not received by the child, it would not be such. Such was the charge, and we do not see how it could be harmful.

5. The question being whether certain negroes should be charged against the children of a decedent as advancements, there was no error in admitting testimony that such children said that the war had freed the negroes, and he did not want his children to account for them, and that he would tear up the memorandum charging them to his children; which testimony was not hearsay, but was against the interest of the defendant's estate, tending to lessen the value of it for distribution. 51 Ga., 20.

(a.) The husband of a daughter of the intestate was not incompetent to prove these facts, because the title to the negroes vested in him at the date of the gift by virtue of his marital rights; and the intestate is dead. We do not see what interests he has, now that the negroes are free, and he is no party now.

Judgment affirmed. J. M. Matthews; W. S. Wallace & Son, for plaintiffs in error. J. H. Martin; John Peabody, for defendants.

Greer, administrator, vs. Burman. Appeal from county court, from Houston, New Trial, Debtor and Creditor, Principal and Agent.

Jackson, C. J.—The evidence is ample to support the verdict, if the jury believed the testimony for one side and disbelieved the conflicting testimony of the other, which they had the right to do.

2. A debtor may elect which of two debts he wishes a fund to pay; if he does not so elect, the creditor may apply the fund to either debt.

3. An agent cannot exceed his authority, and if he gives the creditor notice of its extent by telling him what the principal directed him to say to the creditor, then outside agreements beyond the scope of his authority made by the agent with the creditor, unless ratified by the principal, will not bind him.

Judgment affirmed. W. L. Grice, by brief, for plaintiff in error. B. M. Davis, for defendant.

James vs. Benjamin. Distress warrant, from Houston, Landlord and Tenant, Distress Warrant, Promissory Notes, Evidence.

Jackson, C. J.—A distress warrant will not lie for rent until the same is due, unless

the tenant is removing his goods from the premises or seeking to do so. Code, sec. 2285.

2. A note payable on or before a certain day is payable on that day so far as the maker is concerned. It may pay it before if he wishes; but may put it off until the day named. There is no ambiguity about its legal effect, and parol testimony is inadmissible to vary its import, or show that it is to be paid before the day named.

Judgment affirmed. W. E. Collier; Duncan & Miller, for plaintiff in error. M. G. Bayne, for defendant.

Harwood vs. Andrews. Appeal from county court, from Crawford, Set-off, Equity, Husband and Wife, Executor de son tort, Jurisdiction, Witnesses.

J. J.—Where a man died indebted for medical services, and his wife converted his entire personal estate into money and left the county with it, having no visible property, except a half interest in a house also derived from her husband's estate, of value of which was estimated at from twenty-five to one hundred dollars, if she seeks to recover from the physician on a note given to her individually by him, equity will allow her to set off the amount of his account against the debt.

2. The court will not set aside a judgment which has been affirmed, unless it be made to appear that the judgment was erroneous, and that the court was not justified in affirming it.

(a.) In cases of set-off equity generally follows the law; but if it be of an equitable nature, courts of equity will take jurisdiction to enforce the set-off. In cases of insolvency there are peculiar equities which will be seized upon and enforced. Code, section 3141; 31 Ga., 26, 33; 41 Id., 269, 262; 42 Id., 161.

Judgment reversed. R. D. Smith, for plaintiff in error. Duncan & Miller, for defendant.

Exchange Bank of Macon vs. Elkan. Certiorari, from Bibb, Practice in Superior Court, Practice in County Court, New Trial, Courts, Jurisdiction.

Jackson, C. J.—Suit was brought in the county court of Bibb county. On the first day of the term no litigated cases were heard, but judgments were rendered where no defenses were set up. Counsel for plaintiff in this case stated that he desired a judgment in it. The court inquired if the case was defended, to which counsel responded in the negative, and the court permitted him to make out his case by proof, and rendered judgment for the plaintiff. No plea had been filed and no name of counsel for defense had been marked on the docket. Later in the day, two attorneys who had obtained leaves of absence came into court, announced that they had a defense to the suit; that they had conferred with counsel for the plaintiff, and that the understanding had with him was that the case should not be heard until they had been advised. The judge of the county court, upon this statement, ordered that the judgment be opened and that the defendant be allowed to plead.

Held, that this was error. No agreement of counsel is binding in writing. No such agreement was shown, but the case was reinstated on the merits, and a new trial was granted for one side. Nor was it proper to pass such order without notice to opposing counsel, and thereby practically pronounce him guilty of bad conduct without a hearing.

We recognize a distinction between a motion for new trial and a motion to set aside a judgment; and also a motion to arrest a judgment and one to set it aside. We also recognize the rule that judgments of a court of record are in fieri, at least until entered of record, or on the minutes of the court, if not during the entire term. But if this were a motion to set aside a judgment, notice should have been given to the adverse party. Strictly speaking this motion was neither a motion for a new trial nor one to set aside a judgment, nor to arrest a judgment. It parades rather of the nature of the first than of the other, not being predicated on what appears of record. It was, in fact, a matter of practice in the county court. Code, §2388; 53 Ga., 91; 52 Id., 274.

Judgment affirmed. Bacon & Rutherford; Thomas Willingham, for plaintiff in error. G. T. & C. L. Bartlett, for defendant.

Mayor and Council of Macon vs. Hoge. Certiorari, from Bibb, Municipal Corporations, Costs, Certiorari, Criminal Law, Hall, J.—Where a certiorari has been brought to reverse a judgment of the recorder of a city imposing a fine for a violation of a city ordinance, if it is sustained, the court has no jurisdiction for costs against the city.

(a.) Conceding that the police powers of the city have been delegated to it by the state, that the state might resume and exercise those powers directly, if it chose, and that the city government is the subordinate agent of the state, to aid it in the government of a certain community, it does not follow that the city has all the limitations and prerogatives of the sovereignty whose agent and servant it is; nor is the state chargeable, directly or indirectly with the expense of administering the city government. The state has made provisions for the payment of its own officers, from fines and forfeitures in their respective courts, where costs cannot be collected from defendants in criminal proceedings. Code, section 463.

In this case the court merely gave judgment for costs without directing how they are to be paid. The fines and forfeitures arising from proceedings before the recorder are unquestionably subject to this judgment, and for that reason the city government to see that the judgment of the superior court is carried into effect, and satisfied according to law. We will not presume that it will be illegally enforced, and in a case of proceeding being such question, direct how it shall be done.

Judgment affirmed. S. H. Jemison, by brief, for plaintiff in error. J. H. Hall, for defendant.

County of Houston vs. Central Railroad, Tax. County Matters.

Hall, J.—This case falls within, and is controlled by, the principle announced in The City of Albany vs. Savannah, Florida and Western Railway, determined at the present term of the court. Our special legislation as to the taxation of railroads virtually excludes counties and cities from corporations from levying a tax upon them and the appearances necessary to maintain and operate them, for county and municipal purposes, by making no provision for levying and collecting such taxes. Act of 1874, p. 107. Code, §26(a), 826(a).

Judgment affirmed. Duncan & Miller, for plaintiff in error. Lyon & Gresham, for defendant.

Rumph vs. Cleveland. Certiorari, from Crawford, Justice of the Peace, Practice in Superior Court, Certiorari.

Hall, J.—Exceptions to the answer of a justice to a writ of certiorari must be made in writing, must specify the defects complained of, and notice thereof must be given to the opposite party before the case is called for a hearing; and the justice does not retain jurisdiction until the exceptions should be verified by affidavit, or that they should be disposed of at the term when they are filed. Code, sections 4062, 4066; 40 Ga., 36; 64 Id., 576; 65 Id., 290.

(a.) The case in 26 Ga., 414 was decided before the Code went into effect.

2. That the record does not show that notice of the exceptions was given before the calling of the case, no such question having been made in this court, no such question having

been made in the court below. The statute does not prescribe the form or manner of notice. It may have been given or waived.

Judgment reversed. R. D. Smith, for plaintiff in error. Duncan & Miller, for defendant.

Lilly, administrator, vs. Griffin and vice versa. Appeal from Court of Ordinary, from Houston, Practice in Superior Court, Administrators and Executors, Attorney and Client, Auditor, Master in Chancery, Wills, Estates, Evidence, Practice in Supreme Court.

Hall, J.—The jury may take notes of calculations submitted by either plaintiff or defendant, or of what is said or claimed by counsel for either side in argument. The jury cannot be required to do this, but may do so, if it be not attended with delay or undue consumption of time. This is not an open question in this court. 63 Ga., 237, 242.

(a.) It made no difference that the calculation reached by the jury included an advance on trial before him; especially, when this was not intimated to the jury by counsel using it, but was brought to their attention by counsel for the opposite party.

2. While an administrator is authorized to provide competent legal counsel for the estate he represents, according to its exigencies, he cannot charge the estate with the fees of counsel retained to defend a suit brought against him to recover or to secure the trust fund, whenever it appears that the claimant is justifiable in bringing the suit. 32 Ga., 31; 50 Id., 10, 33.

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Judgment reversed. Thornton & Hargett; J. M. Leonard, for plaintiffs in error. McNeill & Levy, for defendant.

Hartley vs. Head, guardian. Appeal from court of ordinary, from Houston, Statute of Limitations, Guardian and Ward.

Blandford, J.—Where a ward became of age in 1870 and instituted no proceedings against her guardian until 1882 when she cited him before the ordinary for a settlement, the action was barred by the statute of limitations, nor was the bar of the statute relieved by the fact that she had demanded a settlement, and the guardian had replied that he had better keep her money; that it would do her no good; and promised that it would be paid with her. Code, §2922; 36 Ga., 684; 66 Id., 255; 63 Id., 449; 64 Id., 586.

Judgment affirmed. W. C. Winslow; J. H. Branham, for plaintiff in error. Duncan & Miller, for defendant.

Leman vs. Saunders et al. Complaint, from Crawford, Contracts, Guaranty, New Trial.

Blandford, J.—This case is controlled by that of Kieckhefer vs. Leyden, 63 Ga., 215.

2. There was an abuse of discretion in refusing to grant a new trial on the ground that the verdict was contrary to law and evidence. Judgment affirmed.

L. D. Moore; Duncan & Miller, for plaintiff in error. Smith & Stroud for defendants.

Flournoy & Epping vs. Wooten, executor, et al., and vice versa. Complaint, from Muscogee, Witnesses, Evidence, Debtor and Creditor, Statute of Limitations.

Blandford, J.—Where H., as a member of the firm of F. & H., contracted with T., and subsequently H. retired from the firm, W. was a competent witness at common law, although T. was dead at the time of the trial, and he is competent unless he falls within one of the exceptions contained in the act of 1866. Code, §2854.

(a.) A witness who is not offered to testify in his own favor, who is not a party to the record, nor ought to have been so, is competent, even though the other party to the contract or cause of action in issue or on trial may be dead. 36 Ga., 520; 45 Id., 25; 147 Id., 287; 34 Id., 623; 36 Id., 88; 62 Id., 639; 65 Id., 132, 145; 67 Id., 247; O'Brien vs. Farley (Feb. 6, 1883).

(b.) An agent who makes a contract for his principal is a competent witness, although the principal to the contract is dead, because not testifying in his own favor; except in cases of corporations, where to allow the agent to testify would be substantially to allow the corporation itself to testify. 51 Ga., 625; 53 Id., 38; 62 Id., 639; 64 Id., 237; 65 Id., 132.

(c.) A witness who is interested as a party, or who is interested in the event of the suit, is incompetent to testify where the opposite party to the contract or cause of action, in issue or on trial is dead. 37 Ga., 118; 42 Id., 511; 36 Id., 520, 535; 40 Id., 673; 48 Id., 142; 53 Id., 9; 54 Id., 115, 119, 174; 55 Id., 187; 58 Id., 96; 59 Id., 180, 343; 62 Id., 640; 67 Id., 674; 68 Id., 64; 69 Id., 63; 70 Id., 63; 80; 82 Id., 639; 61 Id., 128; 69 Id., 583.

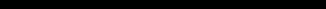
(d.) One who is a party to the record, when offered to testify in his own favor, the other party being dead, is incompetent, and one who is not a party is incompetent to testify when the other party to the contract, etc., is dead. 37 Ga., 118; 45 Id., 511; 55 Id., 288; 56 Id., 474; 63 Id., 288, 479; 65 Id., 407; 67 Id., 248; 69 Id., 535.

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